



BORDER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1973

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF 1973

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BORDER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

3/7 Victoria Place,
CARLISLE.

March, 1974.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Border Rural District Council.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report for the year, 1973. This is a shortened report as outlined in the circular CM0/2/74 of 22.2.74.

I am grateful for the report of Mr Hill which is incorporated and for contributions made by Mr Skerry, the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council.

My thanks go to members of the Council, in particular those members of the Health and Housing Management Committees, to my colleagues in other departments of the Council and to the staff generally in the Health Department.

John Connolly,
Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of District in Acres	...	248,860
Registrar General's estimate of resident population in Mid-year	...	29,300
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book)	...	9,950
Rateable Value	...	£2,568,007
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	£25,955

Population:

The following table gives the population figure for the past ten years:-

1964	...	31,240	Civilian and Service Personnel.
1965	...	31,240	" " " "
1966	...	31,060	" " " "
1967	...	30,890	" " " "
1968	...	30,920	" " " "
1969	...	30,020	" " " "
1970	...	30,020	" " " "
1971	...	29,210	" " " "
1972	...	29,300	" " " "
1973	...		" " " "

The population estimate shows a

VITAL STATISTICS

The following represent the figures presented to Health Committee meetings during 1973. It must be explained that these will be subject to correction in due course.

Births:

Males	Females	Total
51	40	91

Deaths:

Males	Females	Total
130	152	282

There have been no outstanding health problems underlying the above statistics.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year

		Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis	...	-	2	2
Measles	...	2	4	6
Scarlet Fever	...	2	-	2
Infective Jaundice	...	4	7	11
Dysentery (Bacillary)	...	1	2	3
Salmonellosis	...	1	1	2
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		10	16	26
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Notified infectious diseases shows a fall from the total of 33 notifications in 1972.

SEWERAGE

Warwick Bridge Area: Work on this scheme commenced on 15th March and was proceeding satisfactorily at the end of the year. It is hoped work will complete by Spring 1974.

Burgh Area Sewerage: Delays on this scheme have continued and by October was almost ready for going to tender with the intention of work starting early 1974. Unfortunately, with the financial situation deteriorating, tenders have not yet been invited and it is not known when work is likely to be allowed to proceed.

Gilsland Sewerage: Work commenced on 20th February and continued throughout the year. Completion is not anticipated until the end of the summer. On completion it will provide main drainage for the whole of Gilsland, along with modern treatment plant.

Longtown Sewerage: Work on a new trunk sewer to cater for new development was commenced on 12th March and, except for minor items at the works, completed by the end of the year. This will now allow for new development envisaged in the Moor Road area as previously planned.

Brampton Area Sewerage: Proposals for extensions to the works along with a new sewer therefrom and through the town were contemplated, and which would allow for taking in Milton, and Hallbankgate and thereby allowing the abandonment of these two small village treatment plants. It was proposed to do the Milton section first as a phase of the larger scheme and so allow the re-development of the "Prefab" site. Unfortunately, with present restrictions on capital expenditure this has not been allowed to proceed and is presently held in abeyance awaiting more favourable government circumstances which will allow same to proceed.

Low Row Sewerage: A scheme to allow the remainder of the village to enjoy main drainage was prepared, but by the end of the year no work was started because of lack of funds to finance same.

Smithfield Sewerage: After many delays the scheme for Smithfield was completed in June and connections at last allowed.

Houghton Road: A small sewer extension at the rear of properties on Houghton Road was completed on 7th May to serve these properties previously on septic tanks.

NEW HOUSING ETC.

New houses erected by private enterprise:-

(a)	Number approved during the year	...	148
	Number completed during the year	...	97
	Number under construction at end of year	...	125

Alterations & improvements to existing houses:-

(b)	Number approved during the year	...	316
	Number completed during the year	...	111

Number of visits and inspections carried out by Building Inspector during the year:-

(c)	New houses	...	535
	Improvements & extensions to houses	...	805
	Farm buildings etc.	...	77
	Miscellaneous	...	771

REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND HOUSING OFFICER

For the Year ending 31st December, 1973.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1973, which will be the final report to this authority before local government re-organisation.

John Hill
Chief Public Health Inspector
and Housing Officer.

HOUSING.

New Building: During the year 10 houses were built by the Council and 97 privately. Comparison with the previous four years is given below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Total</u>
1969	84	91	175
1970	89	57	156
1971	46	75	121
1972	30	112	142
1973	10	97	107
	<u>259</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>701</u>

Of the 10 Council houses completed 4 were on The Garth estate, Crosby on Eden, and 6 were old persons bungalows at Blencarn Park, Rockcliffe. In addition 20 houses at Hadrians Camp, Carlisle, were purchased from the Ministry of Defence and improvement of these was well advanced at the end of the year.

The Swan Street (South) Longtown Scheme completed in 1972 was one of the Department of Environment's medal winning schemes. Messrs Johnston & Wright were the architects.

Nineteen acres of land were purchased at Longtown for further housing development. At the end of the year tenders were being sought for the erection of 76 houses and approval in principle had been given by the Council for the erection of a group flatlet scheme consisting of 20 flats with warden accommodation.

Improvements to 7 houses at Scotby (ex.railway cottages) were virtually complete and the improvement of 11 older houses at Longtown was under way at the end of the year.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

		1972	1973
Applications received	...	140	184
Applications approved	...	138	189
Improvements completed	...	91	103
Value of works approved	...	£367,758	£558,224
Value of grants approved	...	£190,778	£268,686

STANDARD GRANTS

Applications received	...	32	27
Applications approved	...	25	26
Improvements completed	...	20	18

SLUM CLEARANCE

Under Section 16 the following action was taken:-

Houses represented as unfit	...	16
Notices served under Sec.16.	...	16
Denolitions Orders made	...	3
Closing Orders made	...	9
Undertakings to carry out works accepted		7
Closing Orders converted to Denolitions Orders		-
Closing Orders revoked on properties made fit		6
Denolition Orders revoked on properties made fit		1
Persons displaced from unfit houses	...	26
Houses actually demolished	...	7
Council owned houses demolished	...	-

HOUSING MANAGEMENT

Eighty one families were rehoused by the Council, 71 of which were to fill casual vacancies. Comparison with previous years is given below:-

Year	<u>New Houses & Houses Purchased</u>	<u>Casual Vacancies</u>	<u>Total</u>
1969	95	44	139
1970	117	38	155
1971	45	42	87
1972	59	65	124
1973	10	71	81

In addition 20 families were transferred on a voluntary basis to houses more suitable to their needs.

CARAVANS

Number of Sites . . . 26

Number of caravans:

Residential	45	
Seasonal	140	
Tourist	<u>39</u>	224

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT.

Number of Dealers . . . 11

No new dealers were registered in 1973.

INSPECTION OF MEAT 1973

	Cattle excl. Cows.	Cows	Sheep & Lanbs	Pigs
Number inspected	246	—	303	—
All diseases except TB				
Whole carcasses condemned.	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	89	—	22	—
Cysticercus Bovis only.				
Carcases condemned	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted for refrigeration	—	—	—	—

A total of 1,026 lbs of meat was condemned.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

1.	Number of Premises	...	2
	Hotels & Restaurants	...	20
	Public Houses	...	31
	Grocers & General Stores	...	68
	Butchers	...	6
	Ice Cream & Sweets	...	13
	Greengrocers	...	4
	Fish & Chip Shops	...	2
	Bakers	...	2
	Wholesale Warehouses	...	7
	Chemists	...	5
	Mobile Snack Bars	...	1
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2.	Number of premises fitted to comply with regulation 16		147
3.	Number of premises to which regulation 19 applies		142
4.	Number of premises fitted to comply with regulation 19		142

MILK & DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1959

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1960.

Number of milk dealers 28.

Milk Sampling:	Samples	Satisfactory	Unsat.
Untreated Milk	24	21	3
Pasteurised Milk	19	18	1

UNSOUND FOOD

The following amounts of unsound food were condemned during the year:-

Tinned Meat	60 lbs
Tinned Fruit	27 lbs
Fresh Meat	1046 lbs
Frozen food due to cabinet breakdown	220 lbs
Other foods	5 lbs

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following details are given of factories in the area and inspections made:-

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
1. Premises in which Sects.1,2,3,4,&6 are enforced by L.A.	12	10	-	-
2. Factories not incl. in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by L.A.	106	62	1	-
3. Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced excl.outwrks.	74	25	-	-
	<u>192</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Cases in which defects were found. 2.

Under Part VIII of the Act there were no outworkers.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

Number of Licences	124
Number of New Licences in 1973	-

OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1968

There are 101 premises registered under this Act employing 466 persons. Premises registered under this Act are divided as follows:-

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Persons emp.</u>
Offices	17	111
Retail Shops	56	156
Wholesale Warehouses	7	67
Catering Establishments	16	120
Canteens	3	5
Fuel Storage depots.	2	7
	<u>101</u>	<u>466</u>

RODENT CONTROL

Inspections made	65
For the purpose of survey	31
Resulting from notification	34
Revisits to infested premises	125

Inspections to	No. of visits	Found to be infested with	
		Rats	Mice
Farms	5	3	-
Sewers	10	9	-
Tips	15	15	-
Dwellings	28	4	12
Business Premises	5	1	2
Other	2	-	1

Disinfestations:	No. of visits made	31
	No. of revisits	9

Infestations:	Cockroaches	2
	Ants	5
	Wasps	6
	Flies	9
	Fleas	1
	Others	8

